

# 2006 Social Security Disability Exam Topics To Help Prepare For The 2007 Exam

The following is a list of the topics covered by questions on the 2006 North Carolina State Bar Social Security Disability Law specialization examination. This is being released to help those who may be taking the examination in coming years.

Prospective test takers should be aware that not all of the topics listed below will be covered on the examination in 2007 or subsequent years. Test takers should also carefully note that other topics not listed below will certainly be covered in coming years.

Asterisks appear beside many of the topics. These asterisks signify topics that were problematic for those taking the 2006 examination. Below is an explanation of the asterisks.

\* Missed by 25% or more of test takers

\*\* Missed by 50% or more of test takers

\*\*\* Missed by 75% or more of test takers

Where an issue was presented in more than one question, the asterisk or asterisks shown reflect the question that was most frequently missed.

1/3 reduction rule\*

Age as factor in disability determination

Alcoholism

Ambulate effectively

Amending alleged onset date\*\*

Appeal of partially favorable decision\*\*\*

Appeal deadline closely approaching\*\*

Appealable decisions\*\*

Bipolar disorder\*

Burden of proof\*\*

Chances of success at various levels of review

Childhood listings\*

Close transference of skills\*

Closed period cases

COBRA\*\*

Computation of title II benefits

Computing date last insured\*\*

Consultative examinations

Correction of Title II computation errors

Correction of Title XVI computation errors

Court remands

Cross examination of VE\*\*\*

Death of claimant  
Dependent benefits  
Diabetes  
Disabled widow and widower benefits  
Disabled adult child benefits\*\*\*  
Diseases treated by various medical specialties  
EAJA\*  
Effect of receipt of unemployment insurance benefits  
Equaling listings\*  
Erosion of occupational base\*\*\*  
Escalation of claim\*  
Ethical issues in representing incompetent client\*\*  
Exertional and non-exertional impairments  
Expedited decisions\*\*\*  
Factors that determine prospects for success of disability claimant\*\*  
Failure of claimant to appear for hearing\*\*  
Family relationships\*\*  
Fee agreement process  
Fee petition process  
Fees in termination cases  
Fibromyalgia  
Filing new claim at same time as appeal  
Fully insured status  
Good cause\*  
Grid regulations  
Hearing continuance  
Impairment related work expenses  
Interim benefits  
Listings\*  
Medical abbreviations  
Medical terminology  
Medicare eligibility\*\*\*  
Medicare Part B  
Medicare only claims\*\*  
Medicine  
NC Teachers and State Employees Retirement System, relationship to Social Security benefits\*  
Non-exertional impairments\*\*  
Not severe impairments  
Obtaining medical evidence\*\*\*  
On record decisions\*\*  
Overpayment of attorney fee\*  
Overpayments  
Passalong provision (Pickle people)\*\*\*  
Past relevant work  
Period of disability  
Post hearing interrogatories

Procedure on remand from Federal Court\*

Protective filing dates\*\*\*

Recognizing failure to file all appropriate claims\*\*\*

Recognizing ethical issues in Social Security practice\*\*

Re-entitlement period\*\*

Reopening based upon mental incompetence\*

Reopening based upon new and material evidence

Representative payee\*

Res judicata and collateral estoppel\*\*\*

Retroactive Medicare coverage

Retroactive effect of Title II claim

Return to work while claim pending\*\*

RFC

RFC between two ranges of work\*\*

Rulings\*\*

Schizophrenia\*\*\*

Sentence 4 versus sentence 6 remands\*

Sequential evaluation

SGA

Social Security abbreviations

Spotting signs of retardation or mental illness\*\*

SSI resources

SSI transfer of assets

SSI child disability

SSI benefits effective date

SSI -- requirement to file all other claims\*\*

Subsidized employment\*

Surviving divorced spouse benefits\*\*\*

Sustained work activity

Transferability of skills

Trial Work Period\*

Unsuccessful Work Attempts \*

VA decisions\*\*

VE qualifications\*\*\*

Waiting period for Title II benefits

Withdrawing from representing claimant

Workers compensation offset, including issues raised by clincher agreements\*\*

Worn out worker rule